

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Pokotilo on 03/05/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, Line 9-10: Replace "guide image creating circuit" with --means--.

Claim 1, Line 22: Replace "capable of" with --for--.

Claim 1, Line 26-27: Replace "guide image creating circuit" with --auxiliary image creating means--.

Claim 1, Line 36-37: "guide image creating circuit" with -- auxiliary image creating means --.

Claim 1, Line 42: "guide image creating circuit" with -- auxiliary image creating means --.

Claim 26, Line 3: Replace "guide image creating circuit" with --auxiliary image creating means--.

2. Claim 19, 22, 24-26 and 29-32 are allowable. Claims 23 and 27, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(a), the restriction requirement among inventions Groups I-V, as set forth in

the Office action mailed on 07/13/2007, is hereby withdrawn and claims 23 and 27 are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELENE BOR whose telephone number is (571)272-2947. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on (571)272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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